



Adrian Brocklehurst your Labour candidate for Walken North

I have represented residents in Walkden North as your Labour councillor and I am delighted to be asked to stand for election again on 22nd May 2014

I represent you on Health & Wellbeing and Children, Young People & Families Scrutiny Committees, Manchester Port Health Authority Board, City West Housing Trust Board, Local Access Forum, Walkden & Little Hulton Community Committee.



Rob Sharpe your Labour candidate for Walken South

I am a resident of Walkden where I have lived since I was 12. As a local lad I understand people's concerns about our neighbourhoods. Issues like Burgess Farm, traffic congestion, parking problems and what we are going to do about the old Walkden High School site, to name a few.

I am infuriated by the damage the Tory cuts are having on the people of Walkden and residents of Salford, I now put myself forward for election to speak out against the damage being done by this government. I hope to make a positive difference in our area.

Working for Salford Community Leisure at Fit City Sites and Community Centres I have seen firsthand how the cuts imposed by the Conservative Government have had a detrimental effect on front line staff and services across our city. These cuts have had the worst effect on the most vulnerable and have damaged services beyond repair.

My biggest fear is that this government will continue its destruction of the NHS which has provided us with a safety net for more than sixty years. I believe our health is not for sale.

Local Engagement

Scrutiny Committees hold senior officers and organisations to account for their policy decisions and performance. Meetings are open to the public where you can put your views and ask questions.

It is important that you get involved as essential services are under attack from increasingly savage Tory / Liberal Democrat Government cuts and damaging policy changes.

Community Committees are your opportunity to have your say with all your local councillors and Labour Party team together with officers from Salford Council, NHS, City West Housing Trust and the police. Last year the Committee spent £35,265 on community groups and projects in Walkden.

Please get involved and campaign against Coalition Government cuts that will slash our local community budgets and restrict local environment and infrastructure improvements.

Community Parking Schemes

Labour councillors have been working with residents and businesses to explore options for addressing inconsiderate parking on streets close to the town centre and around the Gateway. A detailed consultation has been issued to a number of streets which will inform any proposals. Detailed work is also taking place to review parking policies across the city, taking into account the impact of transport hubs, such as Walkden Station and local economic circumstances.

After much lobbying, we are pleased that matters are finally progressing but this is just the start. Residents on Walkden Road and Park Road, to name a few, have all raised concerns about commuter parking and are asking for action.

New homes for Walkden

Representing Walkden and Little Hulton on City West Housing Trust (CWHT) Board Councillor Adrian Brocklehurst takes up your complaints and represents your views at Board level.

Many new houses will be built in Walkden and Little Hulton on brownfield sites with development underway at Eastham Way, Mount Skip, Kenyon and Amblecoat Green.

Let me know what you thought about the Brindley and Walkden South Action Week. Contact me to put forward your views, issues or complaints at CWHT Board. Contact details on back page.

Your Right of Way

Councillor Adrian Brocklehurst is your representative on The Local Access Forum. These are formal meetings of councillors and user groups set up to protect and develop public rights of way so that we can all have the best possible access to our countryside, sites of environmental interest and protected green spaces.

Our public rights of way, countryside and green spaces are threatened by the Tory / Lib Dem Coalition's National Planning Policy Framework that actively promotes development on green belt and countryside. Join with me in campaigning with the Labour Party, National Trust and Campaign to Protect Rural England to change the National Planning Policy Framework.

Why Voting Labour is good for Walkden



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Tory Cuts Are Affecting Your Services

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The Coalition are Damaging our Communities in Salford

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All Walkden Labour Councillors extend our many thanks to Friends of Blackleach Country Park for their continued support in enhancing the site including our success in securing the Ranger service.

photo: councillor Adrian Brocklehurst visiting the park with his son



Give planning power back to people

Salford Labour is calling on residents to back a petition to change planning rules which are forcing councils to give permission for greenfield development. More open space will now be lost in Walkden, off Cranleigh Drive, with permission granted for 15 houses on the fields due to Tory planning policies.

Our campaign follows a warning by Downing Street adviser, Tory MP Nadhim Zahawi, that Government planning regulations are leading builders to target greenfield sites to get around planning rules. The Campaign to Protect Rural England has also warned that the Government rules are causing "massive, irreversible damage" to the country's green land.

To sign the petition, please go to: <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/49495>

Labour Councillor, Richard Critchley, said: "The Government promised 'localism' but that is a sham. Under Tory planning rules, Councils are virtually powerless to stop greenfield development. Only people power can change the rules and the first step is to back the online petition to restore planning powers to local councils and local people."

Labour reject the 'fantasy planning' of rapacious, profit-hungry developers. We call on all those who agree with us to sign the online petition to Parliament to amend the Tory's National Planning Policy Framework to give power back to communities.

High Street repairs

Upgrades are taking place to rid parts of High Street in the town centre of potholes and prevent ponding water.

Improvements to the road junction, close to Ashton Field Drive, have been the responsibility of the owners of the Ellesmere Centre. They have now appointed new contractors who will improve the standard and durability of the road.

£25m Tory cuts in 2014

The Conservative Government is cutting another £25 million from Salford council services this year. This comes on top of the £97 million it has already cut and a further £55 million over the next two years. This level of attack will devastate services and will inevitably lead to further job losses. It will be impossible to keep operating all services to the same level.

There is growing evidence that more deprived, northern areas have faced the greatest cuts and yet Salford Tory's refuse to condemn this vicious attack on services and the impact that this will have on the people of this great city.

Labour is now campaigning for a fair deal for Salford and we are asking everyone to sign our petition calling on the Prime Minister to stop these savage cuts.

Please go to: www.salfordlabour.org.uk

Local Action

► The chicane on Hilton Lane, close to Manchester Road, is to be replaced with alternative safety measures. Residents have asked for the priority system to be reviewed to prevent congestion during peak times whilst maintaining road safety.

► Your Labour team joined volunteers to assist City West during Action Week, helping to clear litter and report local issues around Birch Road and Rydal Crescent. During five days of activity residents received support with everything from fitting smoke alarms to clearing overgrown gardens, an excellent and well supported project.



Councillor Critchley (above) and Rob Sharpe, Labour candidate (below), joining City West's Action Week.



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Your Views Count

Your local Labour team are working hard to represent the views of the people of Walkden. We are always keen to hear from residents and businesses about matters important to you. If you have any questions, concerns, views or queries then please don't hesitate to get in touch.

photo: Cllr Critchley, Barbara Keeley MP and Robert Sharpe

The Tory Lib Dem Coalition are Damaging our Communities in Salford



Since coming to power the Tory government has:

- SLASHED** £103m from policing in Greater Manchester
- FORCED** Greater Manchester Police to lose 1,300 police officers
- STOLEN** £6.4m from GMP to give to their pet projects

It's no wonder crime is going up in Salford and across Greater Manchester because as a result of this government's decisions the thin blue line is being stretched, and stretched, and stretched again.

Police officers and PCSOs tell me on a regular basis how the service is being pushed to breaking point. This could mean that in a couple of years' time GMP will not have enough officers to provide an effective policing service.

But the government in London carries on regardless. There's £114m MORE cuts to come and we're going to lose HUNDREDS more police officers. We're even having money taken off us to help pay for the City of London Police – the Bankers' Bobbies.

Tony Lloyd, your Police and Crime Commissioner, is sticking up for Salford people. Tony says:

"I have challenged government ministers, face to face, on these cuts at the highest level on your behalf."

"I'm also working with Labour councillors in Salford to protect policing in your area. We've seen a transformation in policing in recent years. Police officers and PCSOs are now part of your community, rather than hidden away or riding around in panda cars and then only coming out when called."

"Neighbourhood policing lies at the heart of safer communities which is why I've protected local policing teams."

"I'll continue to stand up for Salford and fight against these reckless cuts."



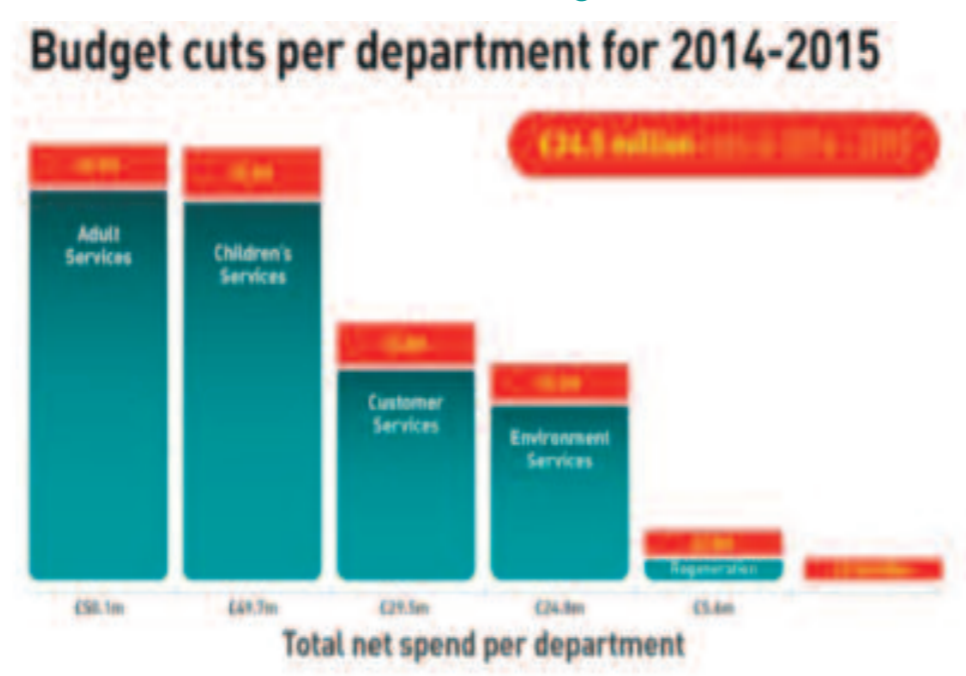
Protecting the Vulnerable and Needy

"The Government are ripping the heart out of Salford's services. At the same time they are hammering local people with their welfare changes, increasing dependency and the strain on health and social care, and stifling our chances to grow Salford's economy."

Despite severe cuts, the city council has protected some of the "most important services to Salford residents", said Ian Stewart, City Mayor.

"In social care, we are protecting the most vulnerable and needy people.

"We are giving our youngest the best start in life with 25 hours of free nursery care for three and four-year-olds. We are increasing the Living Wage from £7.45 per hour to £7.65 for 1,200 of our lowest paid staff and apprentices.



The City Mayor added: "The face of local government in Salford is being changed forever because of this Government's austerity policies.

"We are doing everything we can to limit the damage done and to stimulate growth, build a healthy economy and create jobs for local people. But we need a fair deal from this Government."



Unite with Labour

Unite the union are pleased to have worked with Salford City Council in being the first Local Authority in Greater Manchester to have introduced the Living Wage benefiting over 1,200 council workers. With seven other major employers following the lead.

We will continue this work until all employees in Salford are paid the living wage.

To find out more information contact Debbie Brannan at debbie.brannan@unitetheunion.org or join unite: www.unitetheunion.org/join-unite/

If you are already a member, why not recruit a friend and get £25 worth of Love 2 Shop Vouchers?

FOOD BANKS: UK turns down £203 million in EU funding

The Government have turned down £203m of EU funding for food banks, Labour MP Frank Field said today.

Mr Field said new figures obtained from the House of Commons Library show that Britain would have been entitled to at least 246m Euros (£203m) from the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived between now and 2020, with more funding available if needed.

The Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Hunger and Food Poverty has written to the Prime Minister asking him to reconsider the Government's decision to reject this funding.

He said, "People are going hungry, yet the Government has turned down a small fortune in food aid funding. Despite recent improvements in the labour market, the cost of household essentials is continuing to rise, with household incomes for those at the bottom often failing to cover the costs of putting food on the table.

"An additional £200 million plus of funding could have enabled food banks and other food aid providers to work wonders with the most vulnerable people in society. The Government must reconsider its bizarre decision to reject this funding."

What the Tories say:

"They've only got themselves to blame for making bad decisions"

Michael Gove

"Some people need to get a grip, foodbanks are not the answer."

Edwina Currie

Europe Matters



More transparency for MEPs voting records

For many people in the UK, what goes on the European Parliament can be a bit of a mystery, so it is vital that we continue to look at ways in which we can make the EU decision-making process clearer for voters.

This week the Parliament backed new rules to introduce automatic 'roll call' voting on all final votes in the European Parliament, which will make it easier for people to check how their MEPs have voted on different issues.

KIP MEPs were amongst a small majority who voted against the transparency measures - I don't think they are looking forward to their voting record being public, even though they rarely turn up to vote in the first place, especially for Committee meetings!

photo: Theresa Griffin, Afzal Khan and Julie Ward Labour's candidates in the upcoming European elections

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to find out more about the labour party in Salford go to

www.salfordlabour.org.uk

Labour urges Cameron to put Salford's young unemployed back to work

Our Labour team in Europe is calling on David Cameron to stop wasting time and apply now for European Union funding to tackle the youth unemployment crisis.

While other EU countries have started to bid for the money, the UK's Tory-led government has not yet submitted a plan to access EU funding under the Youth Employment Initiative and European Youth Guarantee. The scheme, which Labour MEPs campaigned hard to introduce, aims to help jobless people under 25 find employment, continued education, an apprenticeship or traineeship within four months of becoming unemployed or leaving formal education.

There are currently 941,000 16-24 year-old out of work in Britain.

Theresa Griffin, Labour's number one candidate on the European list said: "What kind of message does it send to those out of work and looking for help when the government is failing to get its act together, come up with a plan and apply for these funds?"

"It is unacceptable the Tories have delayed and dithered in applying for funds and implementing these European schemes that will help our young people find work."

Young people not in employment, education or training are estimated to cost the EU €153 billion (£129bn) a year, in benefits and foregone earnings and taxes.



£5.5million facelift for Bridgewater Canal

Salford's historic Bridgewater Canal is set for another revolution.

Salford Council has received grants to regenerate nearly five miles of the canal between Boothstown and Barton.

The planned regeneration is expected to boost visitor numbers, adding an extra £2million each year to the city's economy when finished. For the first time sightseers will be able to view Barton Aqueduct in its full splendour and the historic structure will be lit for the first time in its life.

Engineer James Brindley built the aqueduct to carry the canal over the River Irwell. And in a dramatic transformation Worsley Delph, where coal carrying barges emerged from the Duke of Bridgewater's mines, will be re-opened to boats and visitors for the first time in years. At the moment it is overgrown, the water is very shallow and is in need of tender loving care.

photo: Barton-on-Irwell showing (left) the swing-aqueduct carrying the Bridgewater Canal over the Manchester Ship Canal and (right) the Barton road bridge. photo by RuthAS

I don't vote because...

I don't know what it's all about?

It's about you having a say in the people who run your town. Salford City Council has a big say in our local schools, housing and police and is responsible for emptying the bins and keeping the streets clean.

If you don't vote you shouldn't complain.

They're all the same!

We don't think so. Your local Labour Councillors work hard for local people like yourself. We all live locally and speak up for local people.

If you have a problem just contact one of your councillors and we will do our best to help you.

Labour is committed to high quality local services, fighting the Tories cuts and making sure local people get a fair deal.

I don't know what to do...

It really is very simple. You go down to the local polling station (usually a school or community building), give the staff there your name and address and they will give you a voting paper. You put an X next to the name of the person you want to vote for ... and that's it, you've voted!

I'm very busy - I haven't got the time

It really doesn't take long to vote. The Polling Stations are open from 7am-10pm and if you need a lift we will send a car round for you.

You can also vote by post, contact one of your labour councillors and they will get the application form to you. Contact details are on the back page.



The only way to get the Tories out is to vote them out
Use your vote and vote Labour at the next Election